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SUBJECT: MAREV CASE

REF: A) SOFIA 1230; B) STATE 133233

1. THANK YOU FOR THE DETAILED ACCOUNT OF MAREV FAMILY REUNION. IT IS DISTURBING AND REINFORCES OUR VIEW THAT DEPT SHOULD CONTINUE TO TAKE INTEREST IN THIS CASE SINCE IT STILL HAS POTENTIAL FOR DISTURBING RELATIONS BETWEEN US AND BULGARIA AND, FROM NOW ON, ALSO FOR EMBARRASSING NOT BULGARIA BUT THE US AT THE BELGRADE CONFERENCE.

2. WE MUST ASSUME THAT MRS. ZHELEZOVA WILL BE INTERVIEWED IN DETAIL BY THE BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES UPON HER RETURN HERE, AND THAT THEY WILL MAKE THE MOST OF THE APPARENT COOLNESS OF THE FAMILY REUNION. ABOUT A MONTH FROM NOW THE GOB MAY WELL ASK FOR AN "ACCOUNTING" FOR THE CHILDREN AND FOR EXPLANATION WHY THEY HAVE NOT RETURNED TO BULGARIA. BOTH FROM THE OFFICIAL AND THE POLITICAL POINT OF VIEW, THEREFORE, IT IS IMPORTANT THAT THE RIGHT THING BE DONE BY MRS. ZHELEZOVA.

3. THE WISE THING WOULD BE FOR THE MAREVS TO TAKE HER ALONG TO CHICAGO SO THAT, WHEN SHE RETURNS TO SOFIA, SHE CAN REPORT SOMETHING MORE CONSTRUCTIVE. THE WORST
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OUTCOME WOULD BE FOR HER TO BE DUMPED BY THE MAREVS AND LEFT TO HER OWN DEVICES, WHICH WOULD POORLY REQUIRE HER SERVICES AND GIVE GROUNDS FOR LEGITIMATE COMPLAINT. ONE CAN IMAGINE HER TESTIFYING HERE THAT "NO RAPPORT WHATEVER EXISTS BETWEEN MAREVS AND THEIR CHILDREN, WHO REGARD THEM AS TOTAL STRANGERS."

4. BELIEVE AIRPORT RECEPTION ALSO REINFORCES OUR WARNING THAT MAREVS NEED TO BE CAREFUL AND TEMPERATE IN THEIR REMARKS TO THE MEDIA ABOUT THIS CASE, NOT ONLY NOW BUT ALSO LATER. THIS IS IN THEIR OWN INTEREST, SINCE THEY CAN ALSO BE MADE TO LOOK VERY BAD DEPENDING ON HOW THE CASE DEVELOPS, AND BECAUSE OF EFFECT OF THEIR STATEMENTS ON OTHER PENDING AND FUTURE DIVIDED FAMILY CASES.

5. WE ARE SORRY VOA MISSED AN OPPORTUNITY FOR REPORTING THE REUNION EVENHANDEDLY INSTEAD OF AS A VICTORY FOR THE TACTICS EMPLOYED BY THE MAREVS. THIS WILL NOT HELP IN FUTURE CASES OF THIS SORT. WE ARE ALSO SORRY THAT NO MENTION WAS MADE OF THE FACT THAT US AND BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES ARE IN AGREEMENT THAT THE CHILDREN'S WISHES SHOULD NOW GOVERN WHERE THEY WILL LIVE.
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